



EXECUTIVE CHAMBER,

JACKSON, Miss., March 25th, 1848.
In obedience to an act of the Legislature of the State of Mississippi, approved March 3rd, A. D. 1848, I, JOSEPH W. MATTHEWS, Governor, &c., do hereby publish and make known the following "act to take the sense of the people of the State of Mississippi, on the propriety of calling a convention to amend the constitution of the State."

JOSEPH W. MATTHEWS.

AN ACT to take the sense of the people of the State of Mississippi on the propriety of calling a convention to amend the Constitution of the State.

Sec. 1. Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Mississippi, That on the 1st Monday and day following in Nov., 1849, the sheriffs or other proper officers for conducting elections in this state, shall hold, at the several precincts of their respective counties and cities, polls for the purpose of ascertaining the sovereign will of the people of this state, as to the propriety of holding a convention of delegates, who shall be authorized to amend, or re-model, the constitution of this state, which constitution, or amended constitution, shall be submitted to a direct vote of the sovereign people of this state, for ratification or rejection.

Sec. 2. Be it further enacted, That the Governor shall, upon the passage of this act, cause the same to be immediately advertised in so many newspapers as he shall deem sufficient, not less than three; and that he further direct the proper officers to hold polls, for the purpose herein set forth.

Sec. 3. Be it further enacted, That the sheriff, or other proper officer, shall, at the time hereinafter specified, open and hold polls for the purpose of ascertaining the sovereign will upon the call of a convention which said election shall be conducted upon the same principles, and under the same pains and penalties, as are now prescribed in conducting elections for the election of Governor, and the result of the vote for each county, town or city, shall be forwarded to the Secretary of State as is now required in the election of Governor.

Sec. 4. Be it further enacted, That the Auditor of Public Accounts, the State Treasurer, and the Secretary of State shall in the presence of the Governor, on the first Monday of January, 1850, open and count all the votes thus polled and forwarded; and if it shall appear that a majority of all the votes so polled for members of the legislature, and forwarded, shall be in favor of a convention, the Governor shall thereupon issue writs of election by general proclamation, and by the usual requirements, to call upon the sheriff, and require him, or the proper officer, to hold an election on the 1st Monday and day after in March 1850, in the several counties, cities and towns, entitled to representation, to elect the same number of delegates to the convention that the several counties, towns or cities, may be entitled to elect representatives to the house of representatives of the state legislature; which said election shall be conducted in the same manner, and under the same pains and penalties that are now required in the election of representatives to the legislature; and the sheriff, or other officer conducting said election, shall give to the person, or persons, as the case may be, certificate, or certificates, of election, and in like manner make returns to the Secretary of State; and should any delegate so elected, lose his certificate, or fail to procure one, the Secretary of State shall furnish such certificate; Provided, the returns of his office shall show it to be just.

Sec. 5. Be it further enacted, That the delegates so elected shall assemble at the state house, on the first Monday of April, 1850, and shall proceed to the duty assigned them, by such organization as to them shall seem meet, and shall have power to adopt such rules and regulations for the transaction of business as will secure to themselves order, and security from molestation or hindrance, in any matter pertaining to the great objects of the convention; and the better to secure said convention from any molestation, they shall have power to select a sergeant-at-arms, who shall be authorized to suppress all disorder by the direction of the convention; and the civil authority of this state is hereby required to sustain all orders, and to conform to all mandates from said convention, whilst in session, to be certified by the presiding officer thereof, so far as the preservation of order therein, and the security of the members thereof, whilst attending to the business of said convention. And the members of said convention shall be entitled to all the immunities & privileges that are at this time extended to the members of the legislature, and shall likewise be entitled to the same pay and emoluments. Said convention shall have power to employ a reporter, to report such proceedings as by them may be had, and a printer who shall in all respects be guided by law. Said convention shall have all the necessary power to carry out the great objects of its organization, and pay all necessary costs attending the same, and all drafts for the necessary expenses shall be signed by the president thereof, and audited in the same manner that similar drafts are now certified and audited by the authority of either branch of the legislature.

Sec. 6. Be it further enacted, That said convention shall publish, in pamphlet form, such a draft of a constitution as may be adopted by them, which proposed draft shall be submitted to a direct vote of the people

which vote shall be taken by the sheriff or other proper officer, under such rules and regulations as said convention shall prescribe; and the proper officer so conducting the election for the adoption of said proposed constitution, shall make a fair and full return of the votes polled for and against such proposed constitution, to the Secretary of State, as is now required by law in relation to the election of the Governor.

Sec. 7. Be it further enacted, That the Secretary of State shall, on the first Monday of October, 1850, make returns of all the votes that may be in his office, to the Governor of the state, who, thereupon, shall immediately submit the same to the Auditor of Public Accounts, the State Treasurer and Secretary of State, and shall proceed to open and count the same; and if it shall appear that a majority of the votes so taken and returned, shall be in favor of the proposed constitution, the Governor shall issue his proclamation, requiring the sheriffs, or other proper officer, to hold elections for members of the legislature, who shall be elected in accordance with the present apportionment, with authority to give the proposed and newly adopted constitution validity and effect: Provided, that informality in the returns of the votes shall not vitiate such polls, if they shall fairly set forth the proceedings had in conducting such election: and provided further, that if any returns from any of the counties shall not be made to the Secretary of State, in any of the elections held under the provisions of this act, within—days after the holding of such election, the Governor shall, by special messenger, call on the proper officer for a transcript of the polls, which may be by him retained; which transcript, or a certified copy thereof, shall be considered valid.

Sec. 8. Be it further enacted, That at the general election held on the first Monday and day following, in November, 1849, it shall be the duty of managers of the election, at each precinct in every county in this state, to ask of each and every voter whether he is in favor of, or against the said convention, and the votes for and against the same shall be taken and returned, as is provided for in this act.

JOHN J. McRAE,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
DABNEY LIPSCOMB,
President of the Senate.
Approved, March 3, 1848.
JOSEPH W. MATTHEWS.

The Southern, Jackson; Democrat, Columbus; Organizer, Oxford; Free Trader, Natchez; and Eastern Clarion, Paulding; will publish the above once a month, until for, for which they will be paid the same rates allowed the State Printer by law.

R. S. DILL,
Commission Merchant.
AND
AGENT FOR THE GEORGIA COTTON AND WOOL FACTORIES,
NO. 69 CAMP STREET,
NEW ORLEANS.

Rev. E. A. Meaders,
Maj. Jesse Lowe,
Hon. J. Thompson,
Belj. F. Dill,
October 30th, 1847. O. ly.

THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI,
LAFAYETTE COUNTY.

To all persons interested in the lands, tenements and hereditaments of S. King deceased.

YOU are hereby cited to be and appear before the Probate Court of Lafayette County, at the Court House thereof on the third Monday in February next, then and there to answer the petition of Samuel T. King, administrator of the Estate of said deceased for sale of said lands, tenements and hereditaments, described in said petition, as lying, situate and being in the county of Yalobusha, and State aforesaid, and known as lot number (31), thirty-one, in the town of Grenada, and part of the East half of the North East quarter of Section eighteen (18) township (22) twenty-two, of Range (5) five East, containing 4 20-100 acres, and to show cause, if any they can, why the said lands, tenements and hereditaments should not be sold, and further, to do and suffer such things, as shall be considered and ordered in the premises, by the Court aforesaid.

Witness the Hon. JOHN P. STOCKARD, Judge of said Court this 3d, Monday of December, 1848, and the seal thereof annexed.

ASA NIX, Clerk.
Dec. 23, 1848. no. 35—6t.

J. F. CUSHMAN AND JOHN P. STOCKARD,
CUSHMAN & STOCKARD,
ATTORNEYS AT LAW
Oxford, Miss.

Will attend the Circuit Courts in this and the neighboring counties, the U. S. District Court at Pontotoc, and the Chancery Court at Holly Springs. All business entrusted to their care will receive prompt attention.

In this association the practice in the Probate Court in Lafayette county will be excepted, in which practice Mr. Cushman will be a partner.

July 15, 1848—16. If.

TAKEN UP by David Craig living 3 miles from Oxford, on the Coffeeville road, one bright bay mare Mule, about 14 hands high, 11 years old last May. No marks or brands perceptible; appraised to \$50.00.

A. WOLVERTON,
Jan. 19 1849—49, Ranger

THE MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY, OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI.

THIS Company, incorporated by an act of the Legislature at its last session, has been organized under said act, and is now ready to effect insurances on lives, upon like terms with those adopted by the best and soundest northern companies in insuring northern persons. When northern companies insure the lives of Southern citizens, they invariably add one half or one half for one per cent to the regular rates. Our table of rates is as follows. The premium to be paid by the insured may be paid quarterly, half-yearly, or annually.

Rates of premium for insuring One Hundred Dollars on a Single life.

Age.	10 years.	20 years.	30 years.	40 years.	50 years.	60 years.	70 years.	80 years.	90 years.
14	69	76	144	38	148	170	302		
15	72	79	149	39	157	176	311		
16	76	82	154	40	167	183	320		
17	80	86	159	41	178	188	331		
18	84	90	164	42	188	189	340		
19	88	94	169	43	189	192	351		
20	90	95	175	44	190	194	363		
21	92	97	181	45	191	196	373		
22	94	99	187	46	192	198	385		
23	97	103	193	47	193	199	401		
24	99	107	198	48	194	202	417		
25	100	112	204	49	195	204	439		
26	107	117	211	50	196	209	460		
27	112	123	217	51	197	220	475		
28	119	128	224	52	202	237	490		
29	128	135	231	53	210	259	524		
30	131	136	236	54	218	289	568		
31	132	142	243	55	229	321	608		
32	133	146	250	56	247	356	649		
33	134	148	257	57	270	401	637		
34	135	150	264	58	314	429	633		
35	136	153	275	59	367	444	662		
36	139	157	281	60	414	467	688		
37	143	163	290						

To illustrate.—A man aged 35, of sound health and constitution, free from hereditary or family disease, and of temperate habits, can insure his life for the sum of One Thousand Dollars, by paying six dollars and eighty-seven and a half cents quarterly, or twenty-seven dollars fifty cents annually for the whole life. At his death his family will receive the sum of One Thousand Dollars, and the accumulated dividend, earned by the premiums, in good companies generally fifty per cent.—Each insurer for the whole life is a stockholder, and participates in the profits.—Lives may be insured for one year or a term of years. When one insures his life, for the whole life, he pays, as the premium or price of insurance, the same sum every year, no matter how long he lives. A man of thirty-five could insure his life for the whole life, for \$1000 dollars, at twenty-seven dollars and fifty cents, payable each year, and he would pay no more than that sum at 60 years of age—if he insure year after year, the premium is increased every year, and at the age of 60, he would pay forty-one dollars and forty cents.

The advantages of Life Insurance are now too well understood to need a long exposition. In all countries, the prudent and far-sighted, whose means are limited, and who have dependent families, effect insurance for their benefit. Assured that when they die, the widowed and fatherless will not want, but will receive, from the insurance offices, a certain though moderate competence, husbands & fathers may toil happily during the day, and sleep, undisturbed by distressing dreams, at night. An independence for the family is secured, let the insured die when he may, in debt or out of debt.

The company is now ready to receive applications, and when applications to a sufficient amount to insure a safe commencement shall have been accepted by the Trustees, the policies will be issued. Parties making application must hold themselves thereafter in readiness to pay the first premium, at all times. A failure to pay the premium when due forfeits the policy. No insurance will be granted for more than five thousand dollars on a life at present. No person need apply, who is unsound in health and constitution, or liable to any family, or hereditary disease, or intemperate in his habits. If one, whose life is insured become intemperate, to the injury of his health, thereafter, the policy on his life will be forfeited. A life may be insured in the name of trustees, or by a wife to ensure to her, or her children if she die before her husband. This is a sacred and not subject by an express provision of the charter, to any debts or liabilities. The profits of the company can be loaned only upon unincumbered, improved real estate, worth at a sworn cash valuation, twice the amount loaned.

The investment is, as an investment, merely, a good one. Ten dollars will insure for a year the life of a man aged 25 years for 1000 dollars; it would require more than 30 years at compound interest for ten dollars to reach this sum.

Faithful agents, who can assure the board of Trustees of their responsibility, are wanted in every town in the State. Applications, postage-paid, to be made to the President.

Upon post-paid applications, the forms necessary for an applicant for insurance, will be furnished.

Board of Trustees.

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J. M. DUFFIELD, Pres't.

W. P. ANDERSON, Sec'y.

JACKSON, Miss., Aug. 4, 1848—2f. 1-4

TAKEN UP by Samuel Simpson living 8 miles north of Oxford, one bay filly, supposed to be 4 years old; has a white spot on her forehead; about 14 hands high; no other marks or brands; appraised to \$75.00.

A. WOLVERTON, (Rang.)

Cancers.

IMPORTANT TO THE AFFLICTED.

AMONG the many discoveries which are adding to the blessings of the present generation, the undersigned confidently assures the public that he has discovered a remedy for that dreadful disease called

CANCER.

Hitherto deemed incurable. The origin of the remedy was in his own case, which almost against hope, he succeeded in curing, after many trials of other remedies without success. He has been using the same remedy now for seven years, and in all cases successfully where application was made in time. He considers it injudicious, perhaps improper, to boast of his treatment, or to make promises beyond any possible performance, for there are cases so far gone as to be incurable; but he invites the afflicted to consult him, and if he can satisfy them of his ability to make cures, they can then try his remedy.

All persons who apply in person or by written description of their case giving its size, location, age, general health and habits, together with the remedies that have been used, may expect candid answers as to the result of their cases.

It cannot be too forcibly impressed on those afflicted with Cancer, to make early application as delay is dangerous, and prolongs the cure.

CANCERS OF THE TONGUE have and can be successfully treated with this remedy. He will be in Columbus Mississippi, until the first of June, where those who are afflicted may see the numerous testimonials and certificates to attest the efficacy and efficiency of his mode of treating every variety and description of CANCER.

All letters post paid, will receive immediate attention.

DR. BURNHAM SHEPARD.
Office at the Columbus Hotel.
Dec. 30, 1848—30—3m.

LIST OF LETTERS

REMAINING in the Post Office at Oxford, Miss., on the 1st day of Jan., which, if not taken out before the first day of April next, will be sent to the General Post Office as dead letters. Persons applying for letters in this list will please say they are advertised, otherwise they may not get them.

Anderson Robert L. Kenaday D J
Alexander Lewis Kernon John 2
Alston Henry F Kerr John
Andersen David Loud W H
Bryant E T Miss Longe B
Baugh Geo. W Leech J A
Bowles Burgess Little Ichabod
Burton Zichariah Lewis Polls Miss
Burrows John Lane Nanc miss
Berksel John M Mitchell A
Brown Mary F Marcin J V
Brown John P Morris James
Brown Eliza H McGowan Col 2
Barley James Money Calvin
Byers A McKie S R
Cook Austen McCartney John
Curry Wm Mills Wm
Chin C C McDonald Susan A
Carter Dr Robt Masen John W 2
Cox Dr L May N N
Carter James Nunnery Thoms
Campbell Dr Park Andrew
Clanton Mathew Pass W H
Canady Willet Owen Byrd
David Wm Pan Nancy A
Davis Aathur Potts E N
Davidson J S Prait G W
Doad Alfred Col Owen Sylvanus
Daniels Albert Mrs Palmer J D
Davidson Joseph 2 Packer G H
Dun J B Prophet Robt
Ellis Wm Riddle J W S
Evans John Rockett H H
Frieson J M Smith Lot
Freeland J W Switzer John
Goodwin Louis Mrs Stocks Wm
Gidman G J Ship F G
Girgorett A care of Shelling J W
Sol Gullick Spencer Jance Mrs
Higginbotham J J Sinder Robet
Hatchins Alex 2 Smith Lucy
Hill James Turpin Alfred
Hammons Wm Turner Wm 2
Hibler Robert E Terrell Samuel M
Holt John D Turk J K R
Hamilton James Thord J F
Hobson G F Thompson Benj L
Hewlett Martha E Watters Thomas
Harris Samuel Wilson Wm
Hunt A Woods James
Hogue Mary H Walker John
Hyges J F Willis M L
James Henry Weaver J C
James Daniel Weathers Ben L
Jackson W A Woods James B
Jones Wiley B Williams Saml S
Ivey Henry Waller R L
Irwin J B Youngblood Wm
No 128
WM. DELAY, P. M.

Jan. 6, 1849

House of Entertainment.

THE undersigned, having opened a House of Entertainment at Cochrum's Roads, Deoto county, Miss., which is calculated to render great accommodation to the traveling community. This house is large and commodious, divided into various departments, so as to furnish private rooms with fires. It is my intention to make all who may favor me with their patronage, as comfortable as North Mississippi will admit of. I have large stables and experienced ostlers. Charges as low or lower than usual in the country.

J. P. COCKRUM.

July 17, 1847.—26. If.

FOUND—On the Memphis road, between Oxford and Cochrum's cross-roads, a Promissory Note for \$22 50 cts., which the owner can have at this office, by proving property and paying for this advertisement.

Oxford, March 17th, 1849.

D. HANSBROUGH & CO.

GENERAL AGENTS AND

Commission Merchants,

No. 38 NEW LEVER,

NEW ORLEANS, LA.

N. B. Forwarding promptly attended to.

GORIN, NASON & CARUTHERS,

Commission Merchants,

57 GRAVIER STREET,

NEW ORLEANS.

GLADIN GORIN, New Orleans.

JOE. D. MASON, Tennessee.

JO. CARUTHERS, Missisippi

TO COUNTRY MERCHANTS AND

PLANTERS,

CHARLES C. GANE,

26 MAGAZINE STREET,

NEW ORLEANS.

IMPORTER and Dealer in all kinds of

Foreign and Domestic

HARD WARE AND CUTLERY.

is now receiving from the European and American Manufacturers a large and Extensive assortment in the Hardware line, which he offers at as low prices as can be purchased in any part of the United States.

Country Merchants are requested to call and examine my stock, as I shall be prepared to sell low, being satisfied with small profits, and quick sale; the facility with which Country Merchants can obtain supplies from New Orleans makes it easier and cheaper, not being compelled to wait for their goods; thereby saving the loss of interest, on heavy stocks of goods; my stock is all selected from the manufacturers of the latest styles, making my stock on hand of the largest in the United States.

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BY HAYES, McCLURE & Co.

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Executors Notice.

NTICE is hereby given that the undersigned Executor of the Estate of Samuel Patton, deceased, has filed in the Probate Court of Lafayette County, State of Mississippi, his petition to surrender his letters, and will, at the next February Term of said Court, present an account of his Executorship, so far as the same has extended, for allowance with commissions, and apply for a final hearing of said petition.

KINCHEN C. PATTON, Ex'r.

Dec. 19, 1848.—no. 35—3t.

Administrator's Notice.

THE undersigned administrator of the estate of Sam'l M. Carothers, deceased, has presented a final account of his administration on said estate, to the Probate Court of Lafayette County, Mississippi, and will at the next March term thereof, apply for its audit and allowance.

W. H. CAROTHERS, Adm'r.

Dec. 18 1848.—6

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE.

WHEREAS, Letters Testamentary of the last will and testament of Michael Watson, deceased, were granted to the undersigned at the last September term of the Probate Court of Lafayette county, Mississippi. Now all persons having claims against the estate of said testator, are hereby required to present the same within the time proscribed by law, or they will be barred. All persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment.

JOHN M. WATSON,

D. A. WASON, [Executors

Dec. 30, 1848.—36—6w.

Cotton Shed.

THE undersigned have taken for a term of years, the Cotton Shed known as the Bowles' Bluff Cotton Shed, one mile below the Mouth of Tippah, in Lafayette county, Miss., and will promptly attend to receiving and forwarding all Cotton and Goods or other articles that may be entrusted to their care. They will also, be engaged during the bosting season, in building Flat Boats for the purpose of shipping Cotton to New Orleans. They hope by strict attention to business, to merit the patronage of the public.

JESSE TINER & SONS,

October 12, 1848.—29—3m.

Book Bindery,

BLANK BOOK MANUFACTORY,

And Stationery Establishment,

AT NATCHEZ.

RICHARD ELWARD takes this occasion to notify his friends, old customers and the public generally, that having disposed of his interest in the branch of his establishment held at Jackson, of the firm of R. Elward & Co., he is prepared at his establishment in Natchez, to make to order and in superior style, Blank Books for courts, public offices, mercantile houses, &c., &c. Also, to render entire satisfaction in all and every branch of Book Bindery. An excellent lot of Stationery also on hand. Old books carefully rebound.

All orders from any section of country promptly attended to.

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April 11—12—1f.

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Blank Books for courts, public offices, &c., made to order, in the best and most durable style.

Book binding in all its branches, also, done and warranted in style and workmanship. Also on hand and for sale a number of articles consisting of Stationery. The patronage of the public is respectfully solicited.